GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department – Allegations of irregularities in construction/building deviations against approved plans in Vijayawada Municipal Corporation - Departmental Proceedings initiated against Sri P.Ramakrishna, the then TPBO, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation under Rule-20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Inquiry conducted – Penalty of "withholding three (3) annual grade increments with cumulative effect" imposed – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Vig.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.309 **Dated:15.03.2024.**

Read the following:

1. G.A (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.43(C.No.3671/V&E/D1/ 2013), Dated.20.12.2014.
2. G.O.Rt.No.46, MA&UD (Vig.I) Dept., Dated.04.02.2016.
3. WSD of Sri P.Ramakrishna, former TPBO, VMC, dt: 14.06.2016 received through the DTCP, A.P., Lr.Roc.No.2680/2015/V.Cell, dt.20.08.2016.
4. G.O.Rt.No.425, MA&UD (Vig.II) Department, Dated.04.05.2018.
5. Inquiry Report of Sri B.Srinivasulu, Addl. Director of Town Planning, H.O., Mangalagiri cum Inquiry Officer received through the DTCP, A.P., Mangalagiri, Lr.Roc.No. 2680/2015/V.Cell, dt: 02.12.2021.
6. Govt. Memo No.628 /Vig-II/2015, Dated:09.05.2022.
7. Written representation dated: 17.07.2022 of Charged Officer Sri P.Ramakrishna, the then TPBO, VMC, received through DTCP., A.P., Lr.Rc.No. 2680/2015/V.Cell, Dt: 08.08.2022.
8. Govt.Letter.No.628/Vig.II/2015/A1(E-421217), dated.24.08.2023.
9. From the Secretary, A.P.P.S.C., Vijayawada, Letter No.GAD03-APPS0DCC/93/2023-DC.SEC-APPSC (Computer No.2210874), dt:05.12.2023.

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ORDER:

Based on the report of G.A. (V&E) Department, in the reference 1st read above, disciplinary action has been initiated against Sri P.Ramakrishna, the then TPBO, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, on the allegations of irregularities in construction/building deviations against approved plans in the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation vide reference 2nd read above.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the charged officer submitted his written statement of defence and among others, requested the Government to drop further action in the matter.

3. In the reference 4th read above, Government appointed Sri B.Srinivasulu, Addl. Director of Town Planning, H.O., Mangalagiri, as an Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against Sri P.Ramakrishna, the then TPBO, and other Town Planning Officials of Vijayawada Municipal Corporation. The Inquiry Officer conducted inquiry and submitted his report, in reference 5th read above, duly stating that among the four charges framed against the C.O., three charges are held proved and one charge is not proved.

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4. Government after careful examination of the Inquiry Report, submitted by the Inquiry Officer, accepted the findings of Inquiry Officer and a copy of said inquiry report was communicated to the charged officer Sri P.Ramakrishna, the then TPBO, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, with a direction to submit his written representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Officer, in terms of Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 vide reference 6th read above.

5. In the reference 7th read above, the DTCP, A.P., has furnished the written representation of Sri P.Ramakrishna, the then TPBO, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation. After examination of the written representation, it has been observed that Sri P.Ramakrishna, the then TPBO, has reiterated his earlier contentions and no new grounds for considering his plea. Finally, while denying the Charges he has requested the Government to drop further action against them.

6. Government have examined the written representation of Charged Officer; keeping in view the findings of Inquiry Authority and provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "withholding three (3) annual grade increments with cumulative effect" against Sri P.Ramakrishna, the then TPBO, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, since he had not initiated concerted action for the removal of the deviated portions made as against the approved plans and no action was taken by him to control the deviation by issuing Notices under Section 42 of AP Urban Areas (Development) Act., 1975 also not discharged the statutory duties entrusted to him with due care and diligence.

7. In the reference 8th read above, while furnishing the case details and entire record, the APPSC, Vijayawada, has been requested to convey their concurrence for imposing the penalty of "withholding three (3) annual grade increments with cumulative effect" against the Charged officer, as per Rules in force. In the reference 9th read above, the Secretary, APPSC, Vijayawada, has informed that after careful examination of the matter in the light of records, the commission agreed with the proposal of the Government to impose the penalty of "withholding three (3) annual grade increments with cumulative effect" against the Charged Officer.

8. After careful examination of the matter, Government have decided to confirm the provisional decision of the Government to impose a penalty of "withholding three (3) annual grade increments with cumulative effect" against Sri P.Ramakrishna, the then TPBO, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, since he had not initiated concerted action for the removal of the deviated portions made as against the approved plans and no action was taken by him to control the deviation by issuing Notices under Section 42 of AP Urban Areas (Development) Act., 1975 also not discharged the statutory duties entrusted to him with due care and diligence.

9. Accordingly, Government hereby impose a penalty of "withholding three (3) annual grade increments with cumulative effect" against Sri P.Ramakrishna, the then TPBO, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation in terms of Rule 9 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

10. The Director of Town and Country Planning, A.P, Mangalagiri, shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y. SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P.Ramakrishna, the then TPBO, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation - **through** the DTCP., A.P., Mangalagiri.

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SECTION OFFICER.